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1. The USIA central office in the Trattnerhof, Vienna I, is currently making an inventory of the stock in all USIA retail stores. The manager of each shop is required to deposit at the central office an amount equivalent to the estimated value of his stock.<sup>1</sup>
2. As a result of recent inspections, USIA will close its wine halls, since their operators do not have written contracts from the USIA. A recently recalled general director of USIA had opened these wine halls on his own initiative, on the basis of oral agreements with the operators.<sup>2</sup>
3. The J. C. Klinkosch Gold-, Silber- und Metallwarenfabrik, Afrikanergasse 5, Vienna II, was instructed to close its factory on 1 August 1953. The eight employees were given vacations until 1 August 1953, at which time they were to be dismissed.

1. Comment: This procedure was caused by the action of one manager who sold out the complete stock of his USIA store rapidly and then absconded with 180,000 schillings.
2. Comment: Austrian newspapers recently reported that the wine halls had to be closed because of the lack of patronage.

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